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## Letter dated 3 September 2013 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to convey to you, and through you to the esteemed members of the Security Council, the joint communiqué issued at the conclusion of the visit of Mr. Salva Kiir Myardit, President of the Republic of South Sudan, to the Sudan on 3 and 4 September 2013, at the invitation of Mr. Omer Hassan al-Bashir, President of the Republic of the Sudan (see annex). The visit took place in the context of the summit diplomacy to promote and foster relations between the two countries and address the pending issues between them.

Besides the meeting of the Presidents, a number of meetings were convened at the ministerial, technical and high official levels. They were convened in a positive environment leading to understandings that would, it is hoped, pave the way for the implementation of cooperation agreements, and the activation of the joint mechanisms, including the High-level Joint Committee, the Joint Implementation Committee and the mechanisms suggested by the Chairperson of the African Union High-level Implementation Panel, Mr. Thabo Mbeki, regarding the identification of the zero line for the safe demilitarized border zone and ceasing support and harbouring of rebel movements, to enable the mechanisms to complete their mandate to provide security at the borders and establish corridors that would allow the smooth movements of people, goods and oil as well as the cross-border movement of pastoralists. The two sides also agreed to jointly address the international community, with the support of the African Union High-level Implementation Panel, to exempt the Sudan's debts and support the development of the two countries.

The joint communiqué is self-explanatory, therefore I would be grateful if this letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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## Annex to the letter dated 3 September 2013 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

## Joint communiqué on the visit of the President of the Republic of South Sudan to Khartoum, 3 and 4 September 2013

3 September 2013

In response to a kind invitation by H.E. Omer Hassan Ahmed al-Bashir, President of the Republic of the Sudan, H.E. Salva Kiir Mayardit, President of the Republic of South Sudan, paid an official visit to the Sudan accompanied by a high-level ministerial delegation during the period 3 and 4 September 2013.

The visit comes in the context of the summit diplomacy which has been taking place between the two Presidents to promote relations between the two countries and to achieve their mutual aspirations.

A number of meetings were carried out during the visit, including bilateral meetings between the Presidents in addition to meetings at the level of ministers and technical high officials. Extensive discussion took place embodying all the fields of relations between the two countries. The discussions were carried out in a positive environment with frankness and a strong political will which enabled the two sides to reach understandings, paving the way for the implementation of all cooperation agreements signed by the two countries, and the activation of the agreed joint committees, including the High-level Joint Committee and the Joint Implementation Committee.

In the same context, the parties confirmed the importance of supporting and facilitating the mission of the two mechanisms suggested by the Chairperson of the African Union High-level Implementation Panel, President Thabo Mbeki, on 9 June 2013 regarding the identification of the zero line for the Safe Demilitarized Border Zone and the ceasing of support and harbouring of rebel movements, to enable the mechanisms to complete their mandate as scheduled, considering the vitality of their mandate for the provision of security at the borders and for the establishment of corridors that would allow the smooth movement of people, goods and oil, in addition to the cross-border movement of pastoralists.

The two sides also agreed to jointly address the international community, supported by the African Union High-level Implementation Panel, for debt relief for the Sudan and support for development in the two countries.

The two parties affirmed the importance of continuing their constructive dialogue for the resolving of the remaining pending issues including Abyei and the borders. They emphasized the necessity of reaching a speedy agreement on the establishment of civilian institutions in Abyei, to pave the way for the two Presidents to reach a final resolution for the issue. The two sides also agreed to facilitate the work of the African Union Team to resolve the disputed border areas issue, and to immediately demarcate the agreed border line.

During the visit a memorandum of understanding was signed by the Ministries of Foreign Affairs in the two countries.

A number of Employers Federation members and businessmen of the Republic of South Sudan accompanied the President of South Sudan during his visit, and a memorandum of understanding was signed for the establishment of a Joint Council for Businessmen in the two countries.

The two Presidents expressed hope that the outcome of the visit will present a strong push to the relations between the two countries, and in this context call on the civil society organizations and the media in the two countries to play a positive role in realizing the objectives of aspired stability for the benefit of the two peoples.

The two sides also expressed their gratitude for the support and encouragement of the regional and international community for the normalization of relations between the two countries, and in particular they appreciate the efforts of the African Union High-level Implementation Panel, the Peace and Security Council and the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei.